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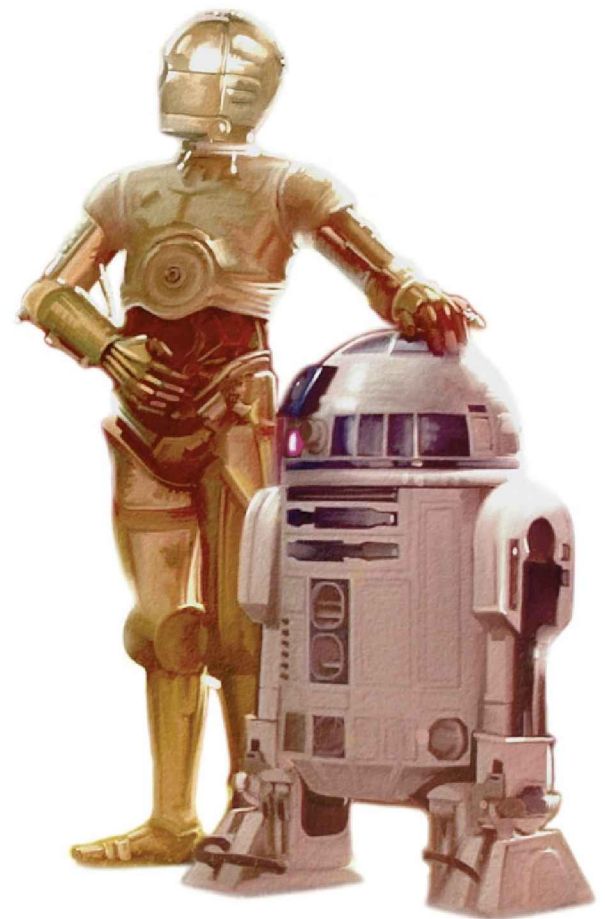
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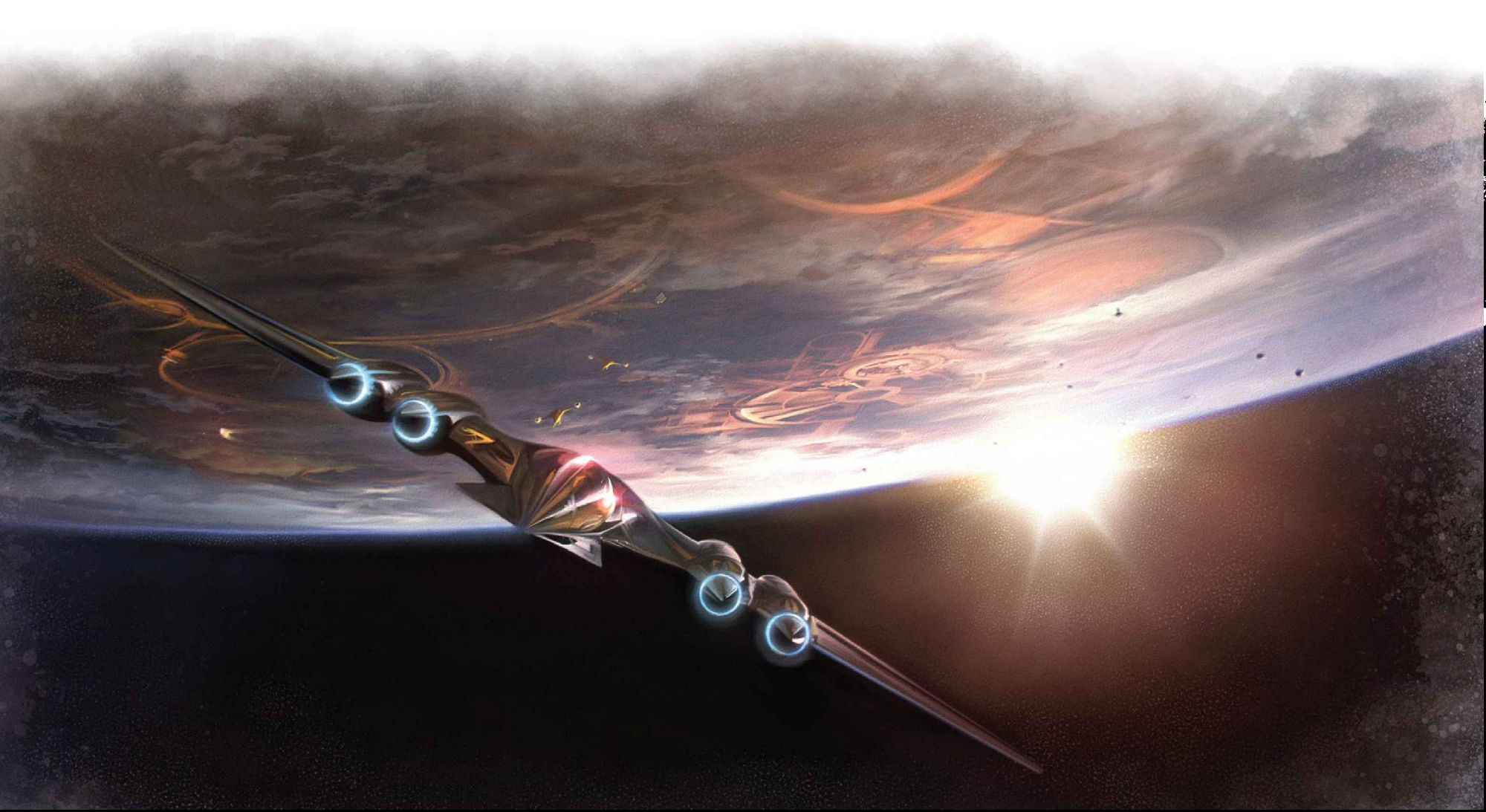


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**A LONG TIME AGO IN A GALAXY FAR, FAR AWAY,** a sleek silver ship flew toward a bustling planet. The ship belonged to Senator Padmé Amidala, former queen of Naboo, and she was on her way to the Galactic Senate on Coruscant.

Many people in the galaxy were unhappy with the Senate. Some, known as the Separatists, even used violence to show how angry they were. Padmé hoped the Senate and the Jedi could bring peace to the galaxy.



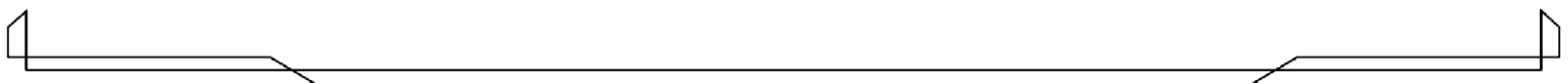




But before Padmé could reach the Senate, there was a huge explosion! Someone had laid a trap for the senator. Padmé escaped the fiery blast, but many of her attendants did not.

“I shouldn’t have come back.”

Padmé suspected that Count Dooku, the leader of the Separatists, was behind the attack.





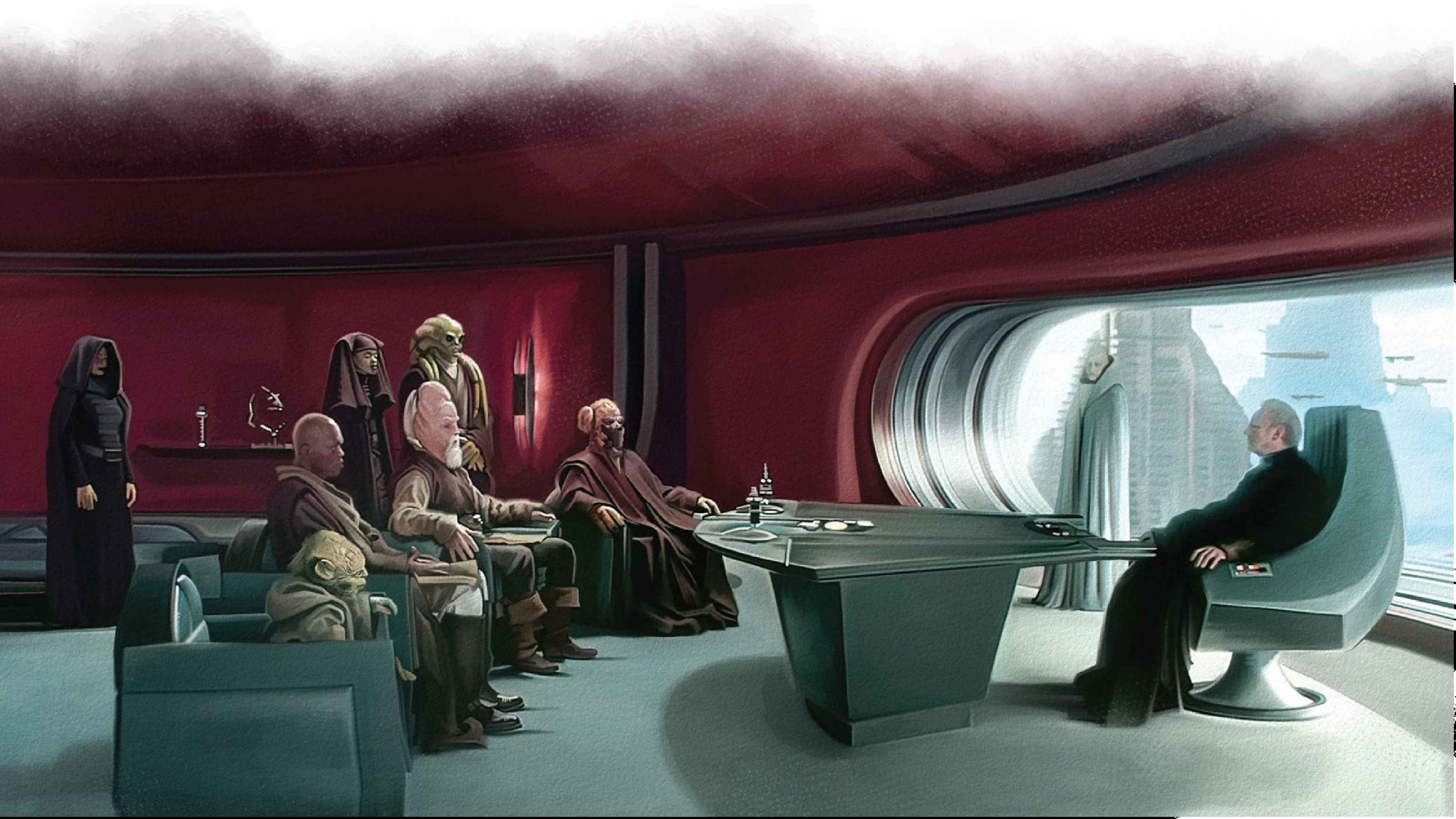
Padmé's friends worried that she was still in danger. Even Master Yoda was concerned.

"The dark side clouds everything. Impossible to see, the future is."

Chancellor Palpatine believed that Padmé should be guarded at all times.

"Master Jedi, may I suggest the senator be placed under the protection of your graces?"

Padmé protested, but the Jedi agreed with the Chancellor.







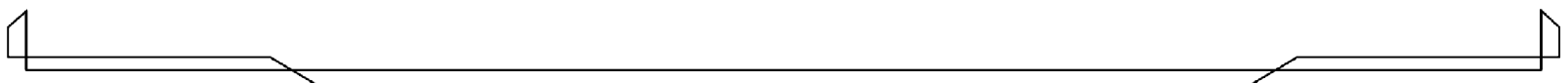
Jedi Knight Obi-Wan Kenobi and his Padawan learner, Anakin Skywalker, arrived to help protect Padmé.

Padmé was excited to see her old friends again.

“It has been far too long, Master Kenobi.”

She barely recognized Anakin. It had been ten years since she last saw him. Anakin had thought of Padmé every day since they parted, and he was determined to protect her.

“We will find out who’s trying to kill you, Padmé. I promise you.”



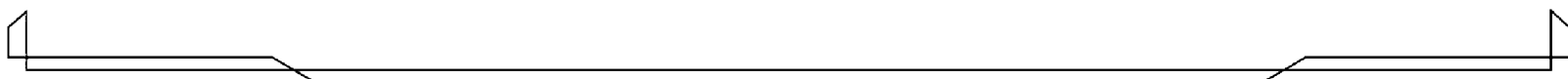




That night, while Padmé was sleeping, a masked figure released deadly insectoids in her bedroom. Anakin sensed something was wrong and ran to defend Padmé. He and Obi-Wan managed to stop the poisonous creatures, but the mysterious figure fled into the night.

The two Jedi raced after the attacker by speeder, through the bustling city.

“This is a shortcut, I think.”



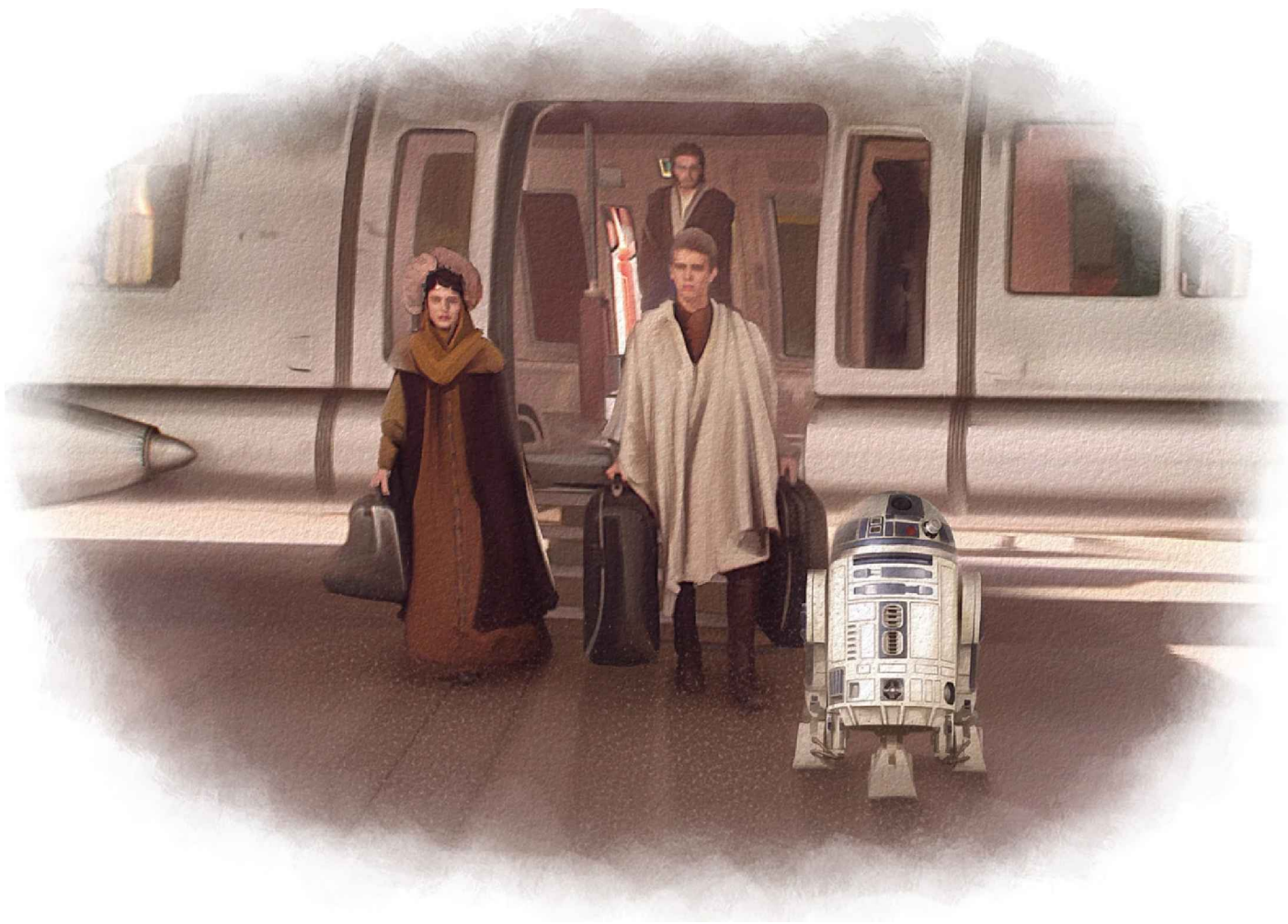


Obi-Wan and Anakin cornered Padmé's attacker in a dark alleyway and questioned her about who had hired her.

"Tell us now!" Anakin could feel his anger getting the better of him.

But before the attacker could answer, a toxic dart silenced her. Anakin and Obi-Wan looked back just in time to glimpse a bounty hunter who had been watching them from the shadows.





It was clear Padmé was no longer safe on Coruscant. She and Anakin left for Naboo while Obi-Wan tried to track down the mysterious bounty hunter.

Padmé turned to Anakin as they boarded the transport. “Suddenly, I’m afraid.”

“I am, too.” Anakin tried to cheer Padmé up. “Don’t worry. We have Artoo with us.”

Back at the Jedi Temple, Obi-Wan had discovered that the bounty hunter’s dart was from a planet called Kamino.



Obi-Wan went to Yoda for help. He couldn't find the planet's location. The Jedi Master was busy teaching a class of younglings.

"Hmmm, lost a planet, Master Obi-Wan has. How embarrassing. How embarrassing."

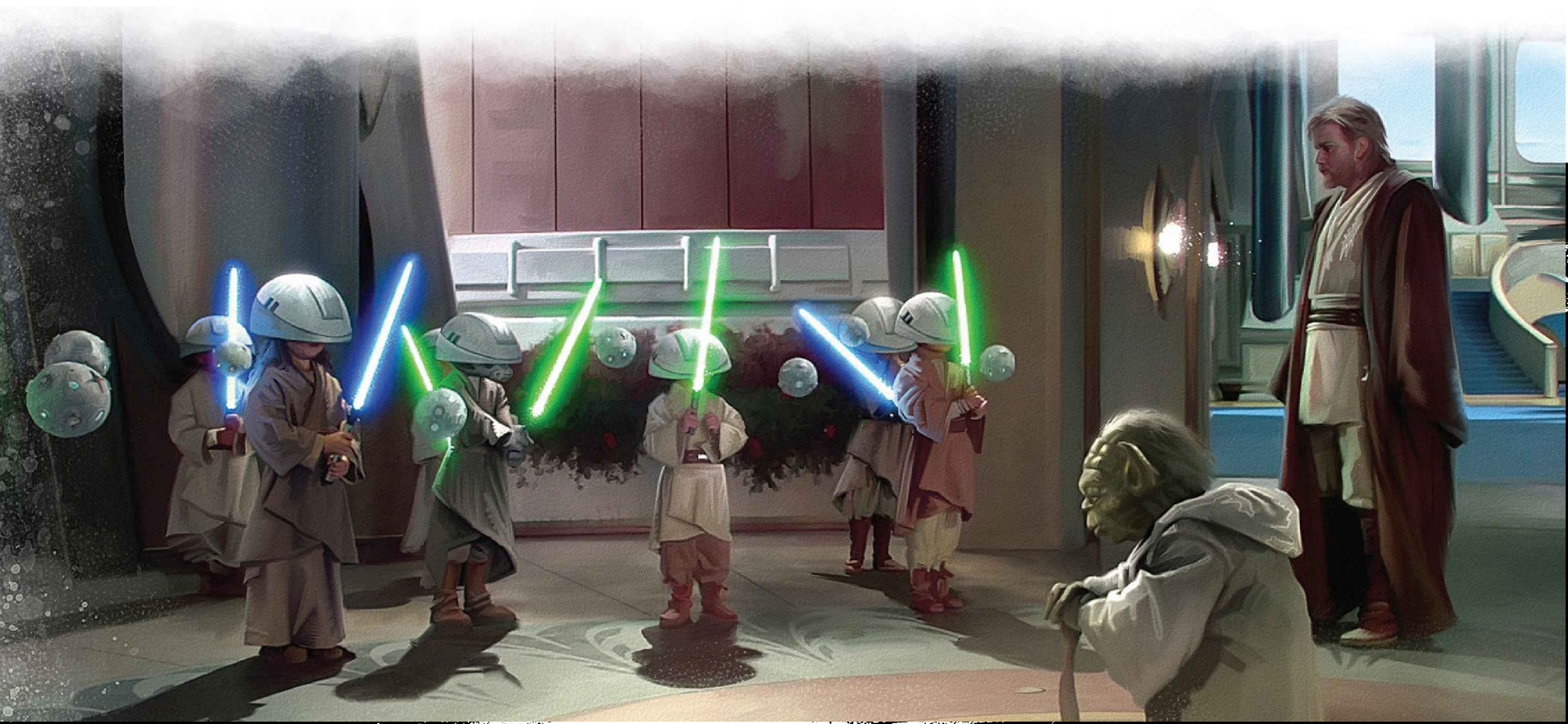
Obi-Wan pointed to a map of the galaxy.

"It ought to be here, but it isn't."

One of the younglings determined that someone must have erased the planet from the archives.

Yoda agreed.

"The Padawan is right. Go to the center of gravity's pull and find your planet, you will."





On Naboo, Anakin and Padmé were finally safe. The more time they spent together, the more Padmé and Anakin realized they were falling in love with each other.

But something was still troubling Anakin.

He confessed that he had been having terrible dreams about his mother. He knew that she was in great pain.

“I have to go. I have to help her.”

Padmé immediately agreed to journey with Anakin to his home planet of Tatooine.







Meanwhile, Obi-Wan had reached Kamino and discovered a vast army of clones there. An old Jedi Master had hired the Kaminoans to create an army to protect the galaxy. But the Jedi had died before the army was finished, and all knowledge of his plan had been lost.

Obi-Wan reported his findings to the Jedi Council.

“They are using a bounty hunter named Jango Fett to create a clone army. I have a strong feeling that this bounty hunter is the assassin we’re looking for.”



When Jango Fett learned that Obi-Wan was on Kamino, he tried to escape. Obi-Wan confronted Jango, but the bounty hunter ignited his jet pack and flew out of reach. Then Jango fired a cable around Obi-Wan's hands, forcing him to drop his lightsaber. Obi-Wan used the cable to pull Jango down and kicked him over the side of the landing pad.





The only problem was Obi-Wan was still tied to the plummeting bounty hunter!

“Oh, not good.”

Obi-Wan managed to stop before he fell into the ocean below. But by the time he climbed back up to the landing pad, Jango had escaped in his ship.

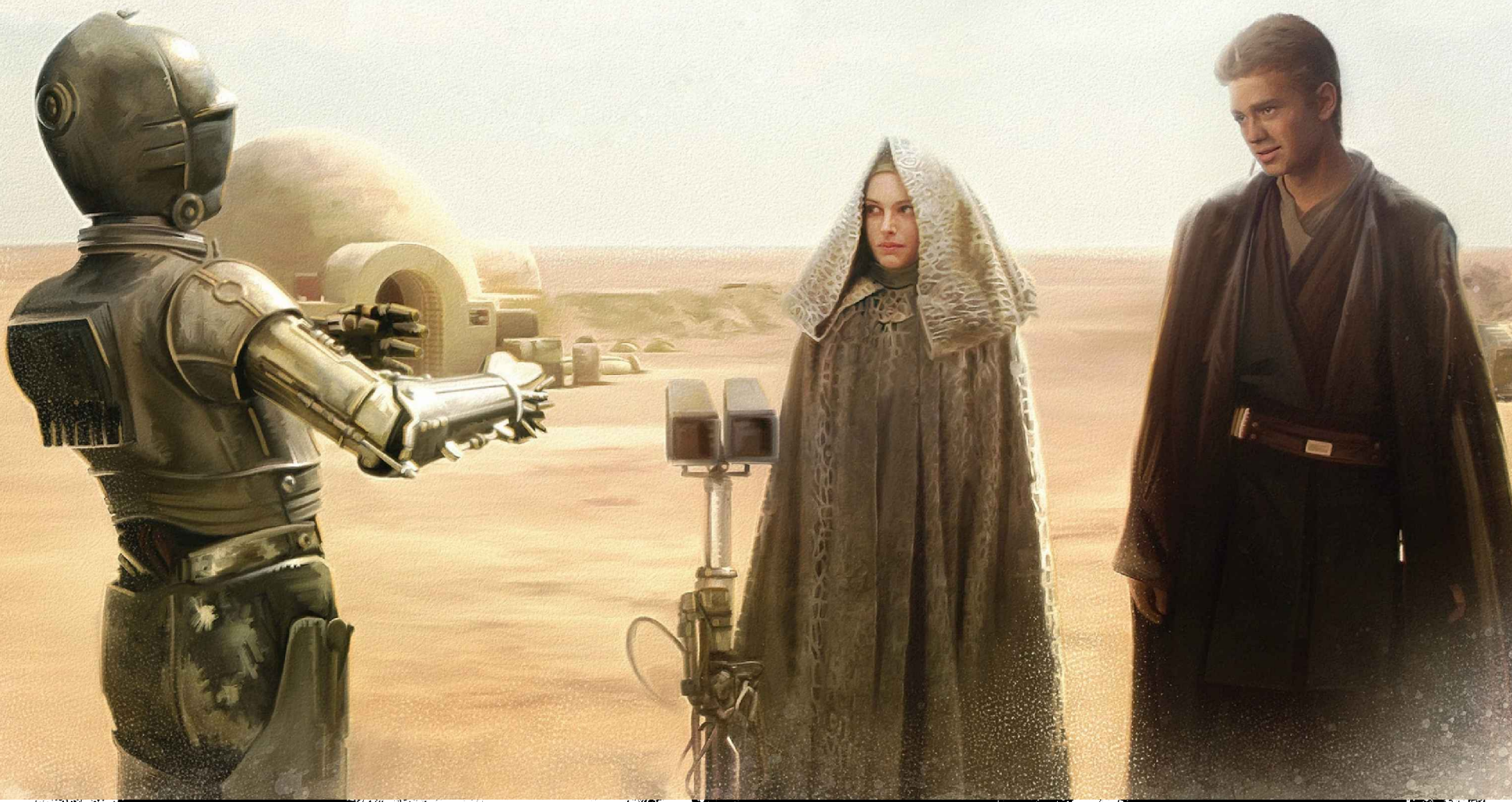




While Obi-Wan trailed Jango, Anakin and Padmé searched for Anakin's mother. At her home, they found Anakin's stepfamily and his trusty droid C-3PO. But Anakin's mother was nowhere to be seen. She had been captured by Tusken Raiders.

Anakin told Padmé to wait in safety while he confronted the Tusken Raiders.

"I won't be long."







Obi-Wan had managed to follow Jango all the way to a planet called Geonosis. There, the Separatists were building an army of droids that rivaled Kamino's clone troops.

With two such powerful armies ready to fight, war seemed unavoidable.

"The Jedi will be overwhelmed. The Republic will agree to any demands we make."

Back on Tatooine, Anakin had found his mother, but she was badly hurt.

“I’m here, Mom. You’re safe.”

Anakin held her tightly. But her wounds were too deep. Anakin felt his mother slip away and become one with the Force.



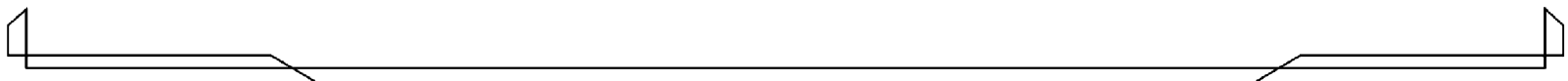




Hatred filled Anakin's heart. He could never forgive the Tusken Raiders for what they had done. Anakin ignited his lightsaber and attacked the Tusken Raiders' camp.

Far away in the Jedi Temple, Yoda sensed something was not right.

"Something terrible has happened. Young Skywalker is in pain. Terrible pain."







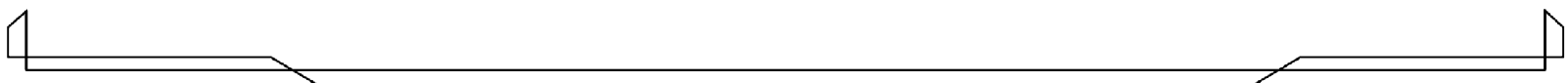
Meanwhile, Obi-Wan tried to warn the Jedi Council of what he had found on Geonosis, but his transmissions were too weak to reach Coruscant.

Instead he reached out to Anakin.

“Anakin? Anakin, do you copy? This is Obi-Wan Kenobi. Anakin?”

Anakin was back with Padmé when he heard Obi-Wan’s message. But his master’s call for help was cut short when an unseen attacker fired on Obi-Wan. Anakin called the Council, but Padmé knew it was up to her and Anakin to rescue Obi-Wan.

“They’ll never get there in time to save him. They have to come halfway across the galaxy.”





Obi-Wan had been captured by Count Dooku himself. The Separatist leader tried to convince Obi-Wan that the Senate had been corrupted.

“What if I told you that the Republic was now under the control of the Dark Lord of the Sith?”

“I don’t believe you.”

“You must join me, Obi-Wan, and together we will destroy the Sith!”

But Obi-Wan refused to listen to Count Dooku.



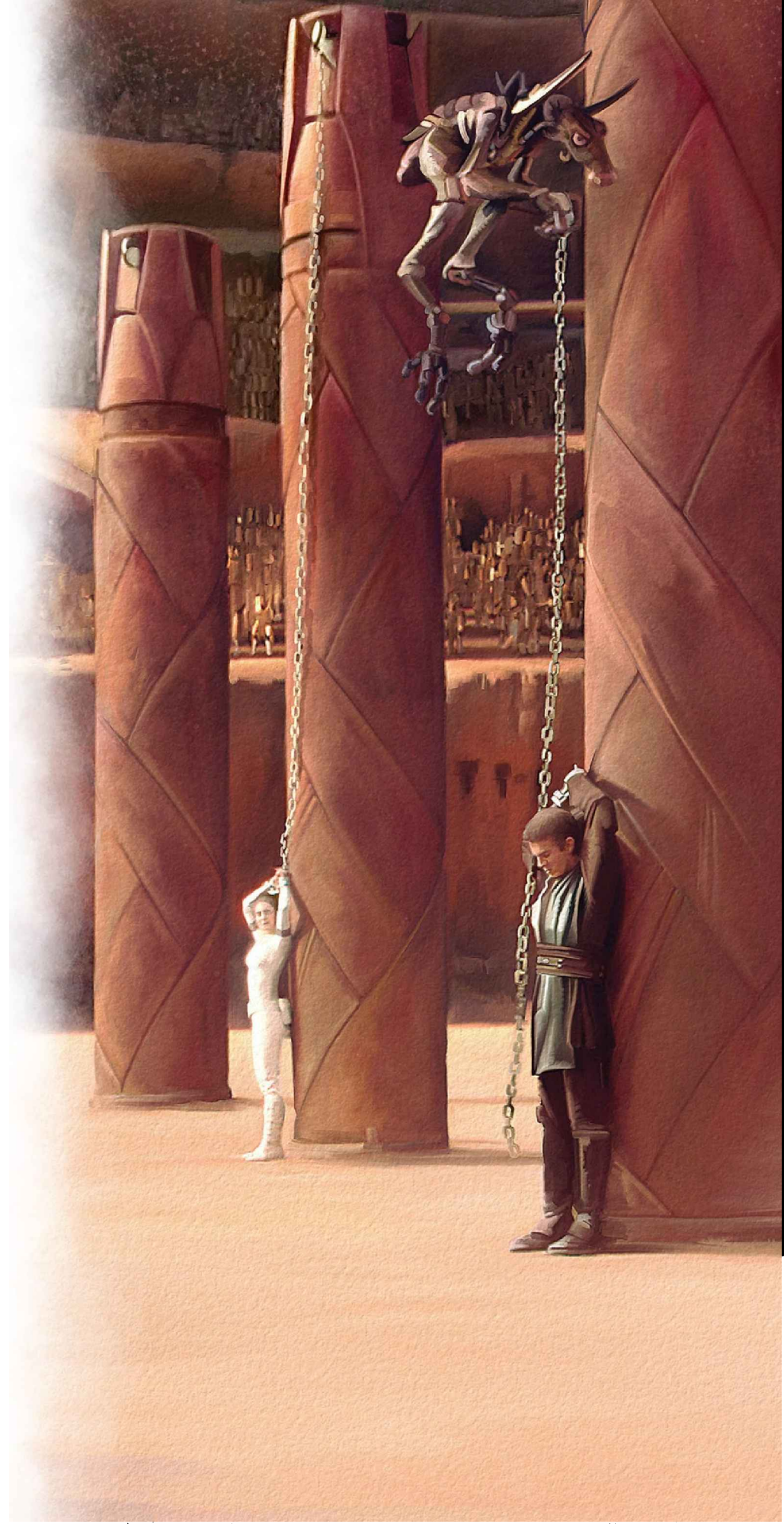


Anakin and Padmé were unprepared for the enemies who awaited them on Geonosis. After sneaking through the massive droid factory, they were captured by Jango Fett.

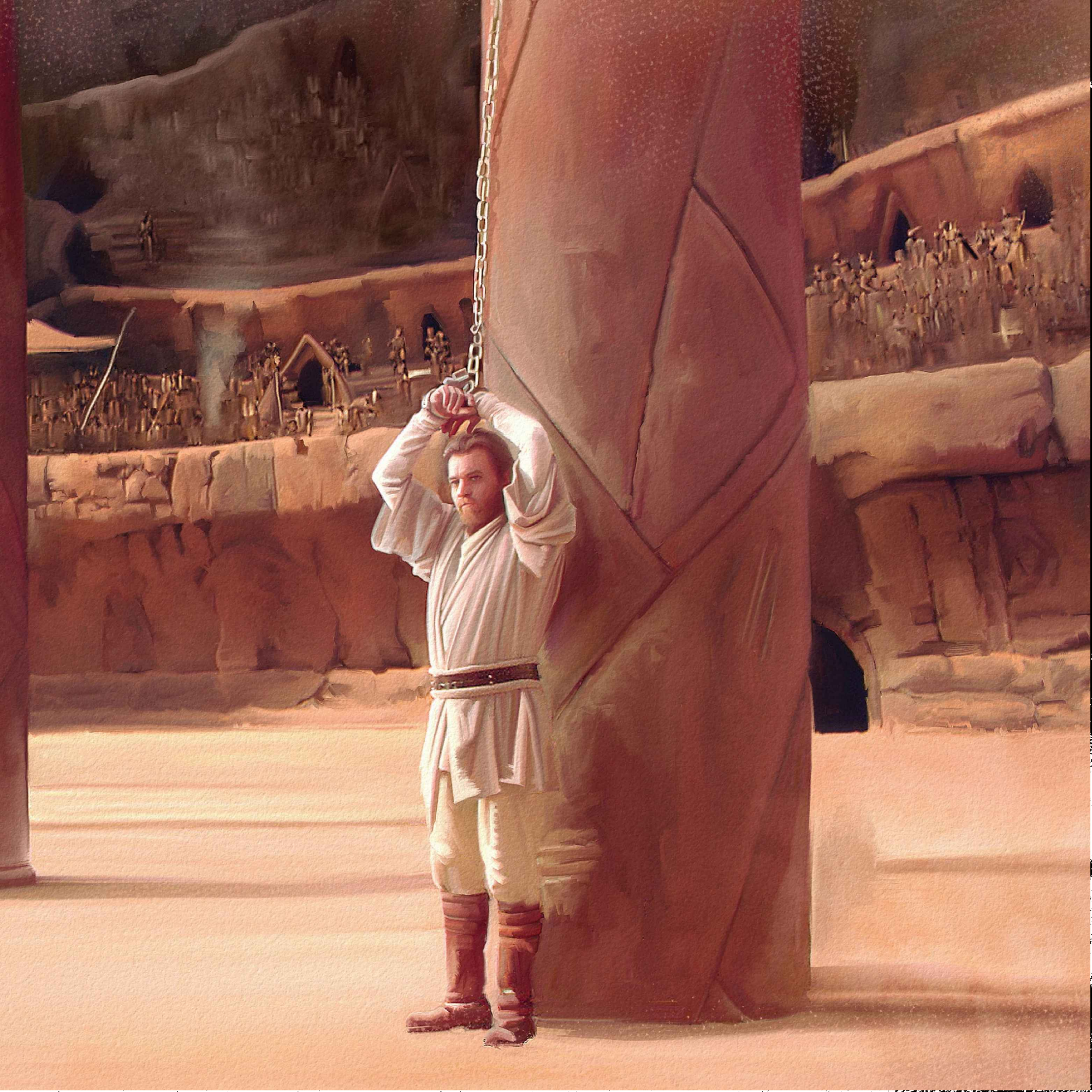
As Padmé had suspected, he was working for Count Dooku. The Count threw Anakin, Padmé, and Obi-Wan into a great pit filled with deadly monsters.

Anakin didn't like the look of things.

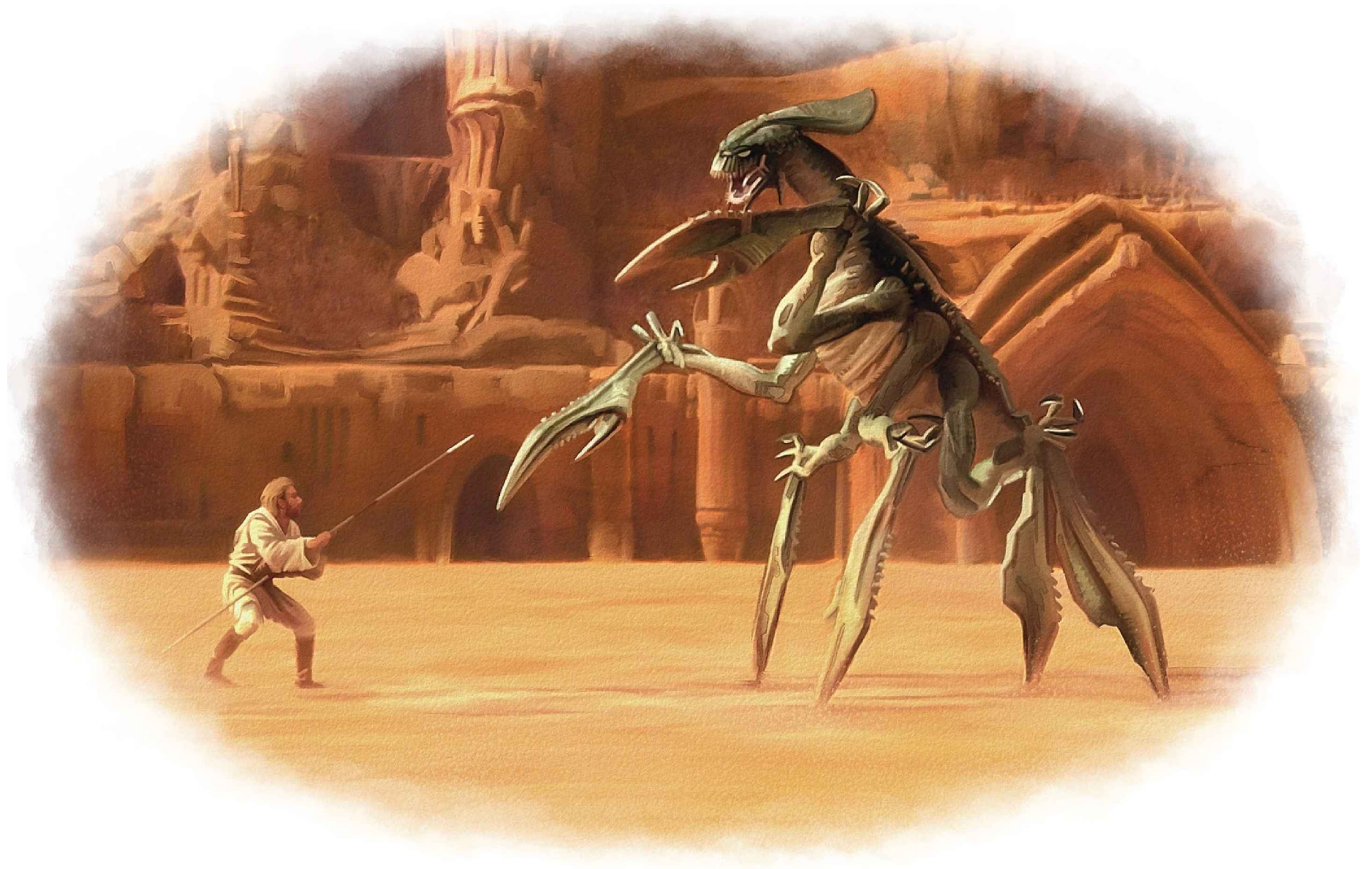
"I've got a bad feeling about this."





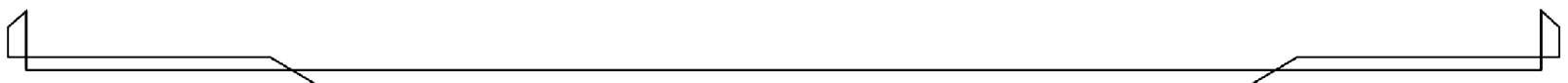






Padmé, Obi-Wan, and Anakin worked together to free themselves from their restraints and bravely fought the vicious creatures Count Dooku had released.

Fortunately, they didn't have to hold off the monsters for long. Soon enough, the Jedi Council arrived to help fight the Separatists.





Mace Windu cornered Count Dooku and demanded his surrender.

Dooku just laughed.

“Brave but foolish, my old Jedi friend. You’re impossibly outnumbered.”





The Jedi fought valiantly against the droid army. But they were outnumbered.

Count Dooku told Mace Windu to yield.

“Surrender and your lives will be spared.”





The situation looked grim.  
The Jedi were surrounded.  
They couldn't win the battle.





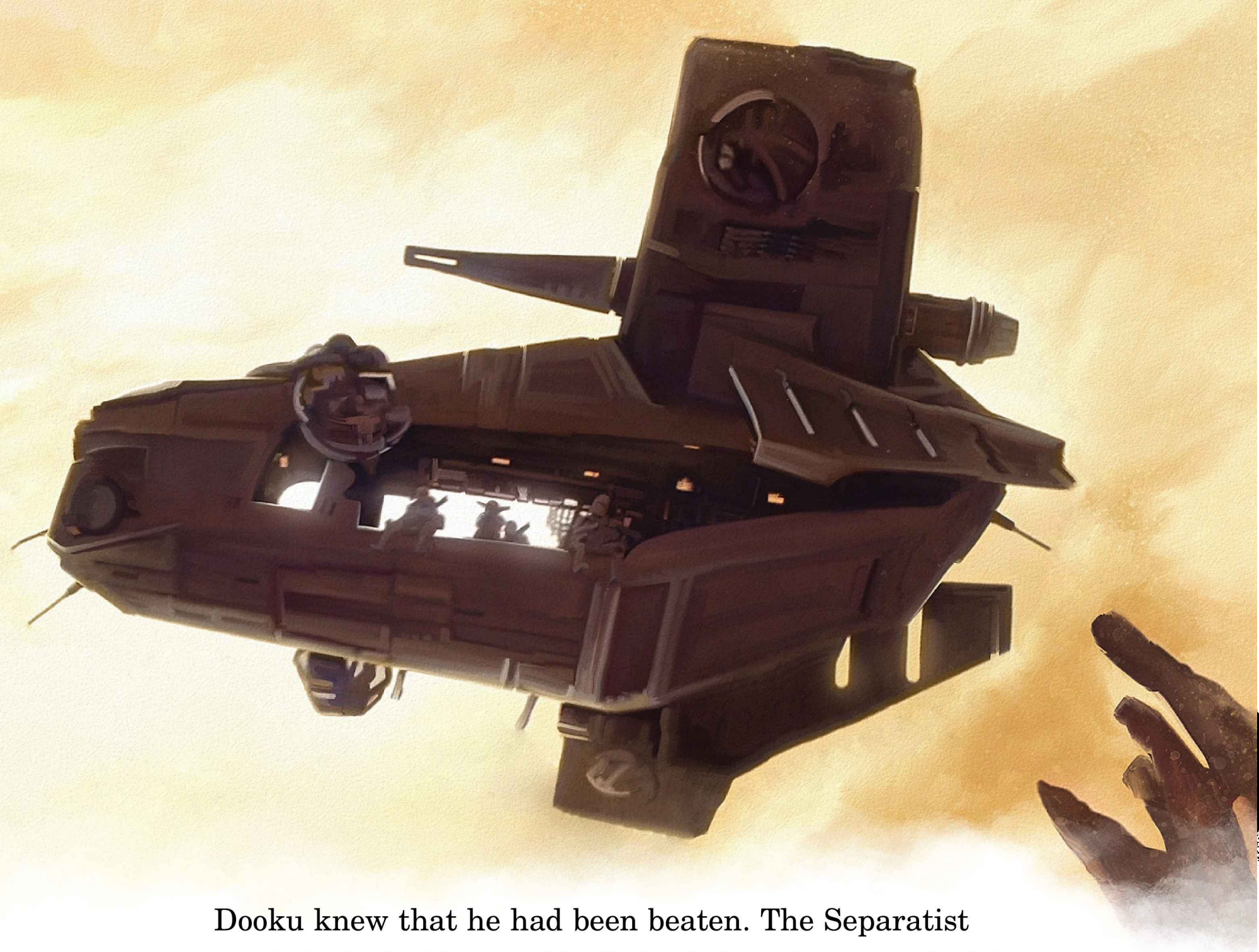


At that moment, the sky filled with Republic transport ships. Yoda had brought the clone army to help. Now the Jedi stood a chance against Dooku.

Yoda took command of the troops.

“Around the survivors, a perimeter create.”





Dooku knew that he had been beaten. The Separatist leader left his droids to hold off the Jedi and headed for his shuttle.

Obi-Wan told Anakin to follow the Count.

“If we catch him, we can end this war right now!”



When the Jedi cornered Dooku, Obi-Wan raised his lightsaber.

“We’ll take him together.”

But once again, Anakin let his anger get the better of him. He charged at Dooku, slashing wildly at his enemy.

Because Anakin and Obi-Wan weren’t working together, the Count quickly defeated both of the young Jedi.





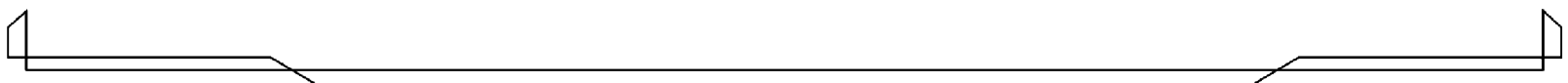


Only one more Jedi stood in Count Dooku's way: Master Yoda. Dooku fired a blast of Force lightning at Yoda.

"I have become more powerful than any Jedi. Even you."  
But Yoda simply lifted his hand and absorbed the blast.  
"Much to learn you still have."

"It is obvious that this contest cannot be decided by our knowledge of the Force but by our skills with a lightsaber."

The two rivals dueled fiercely until Dooku threatened to crush Anakin and Obi-Wan. Yoda chose to protect his friends, even though it meant letting Dooku escape.





Back on Coruscant, the Jedi made plans for the clone army to join them in the fight against the Separatists.

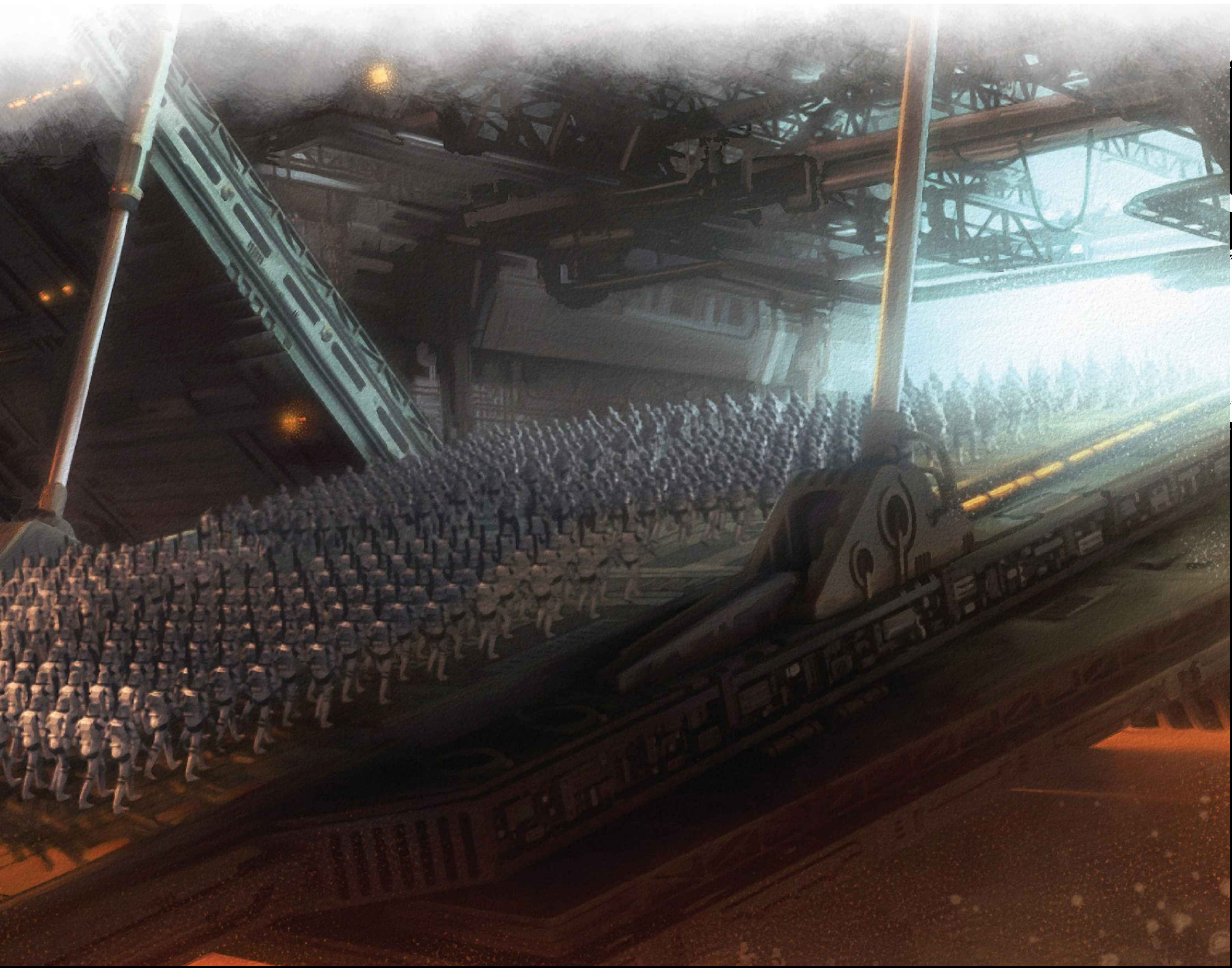
Obi-Wan addressed Master Yoda.

“I have to admit that without the clones, it would not have been a victory.”





“Victory you say?” Yoda shook his head. “Master Obi-Wan, not victory. The shroud of the dark side has fallen. Begun, the Clone War has.”



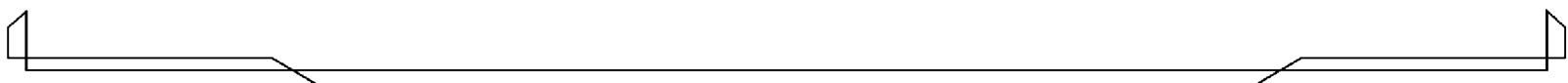




But there was still hope.

Despite the rules of the Jedi Order, Anakin and Padmé secretly wed on Naboo.

Whatever the war was to bring, they would face it together.









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